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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## In re Application of

Chang et al.

Serial No.: 10/724,897

Group Art Unit: 2168

Filed: December 2, 2003

Examiner: Pham, Hung Q.

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INDEXING, SEARCHING, AND RETRIEVING  
SEMANTIC OBJECTSHonorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450Box AFAMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 14, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-6, 8-19, 21-31, and 33-38 are all the claims presently pending in the application. The independent claims are amended to clarify that the semantic objects are already identified, as the Examiner seemingly requests in the latest rejection, and to eliminate the final limitation, since that final limitation adds nothing substantive to the fundamental definition of the present invention.

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER

/H. PHAM/

05/20/2008